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Update for AIDS Drug Assistance Program (9 AAC 6, Article 4)

The Department is amending the rules for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) in Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 4 to:

- Add definitions;
- Clarify the application process and notification requirements;
- Specify that individuals enrolled in ADAP, primary care providers, and case managers must notify the Department of specific changes that may affect eligibility or the Department's ability to contact the individual or primary care provider;
- Address changes that have occurred in the program with respect to the implementation of Medicare Part D and the use of a vendor pharmacy for drug distribution;
- Specify the conditions for provisional enrollment;
- Specify the requirements for distribution of prescription drugs, including the requirements for the vendor pharmacy;
- Specify how restricted drugs may be requested; and
- Addresses the circumstances under which the Department's approval of a restricted drug may be terminated.

The Department has submitted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the Office of the Secretary of State, and expects the Notice to be published in the *Arizona Administrative Register* on May 18, 2007. The Oral Proceeding for this rulemaking is scheduled for July 3, 2007, at 1 p.m., at 150 N 18th Avenue, Room 540A, Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3233.

Stakeholders are asked to send any comments to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-3959, or by fax at 602-364-1150.